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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR ETHIOPIA

REFERENCE: (A) ADDIS 11234 (B) MOGADISCIO 1441

1. AS SUGGESTED PARA 4, REF (A), DEPTOFFS DISCUSSED WITH FONMIN MINASSE ON OCTOBER 1, EMBASSY ADDIS' SUGGESTED REPLY TO DIPLOMATIC (OR SOMALI) INQUIRIES ABOUT OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA. MINASSE SHOWED OBVIOUS CONCERN THAT SUCH REPLY MIGHT BE INTERPRETED BY SOME AS INDICATION U.S. LOSING INTEREST IN ETHIOPIA AND SAID IT WAS QUESTION HE WOULD WISH TO RAISE WITH EMPEROR BEFORE GIVING DEFINITIVE IEG REACTION.

2. DEPTOFFS UNDERLINED BOTH DESIREABILITY OF MOVING FROM INCREASINGLY UNTENABLE "NO COMMENT" REPLY TO INQUIRIES AND FACT THAT INFO ON ASSISTANCE LEVEL LIKELY BECOME PUBLIC IN NEAR FUTURE IN ANY CASE. THEY SUGGESTED TO MINASSE THAT REFERENCE TO RELATIVE STABILITY OF ETHIOPIAN PROGRAM IN FACE CUTS TO WHICH MOST OTHER MILITARY

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AID PROGRAMS BEING SUBJECTED MIGHT BE HELPFUL ADDITION.

THEY ALSO INDICATED THAT US PRESS LIKELY TO CONSIDER
NEW FMS CREDITS (IF ATTAINED) AS INCREASE IN ETHIOPIAN
PROGRAM. MINASSE PROMISED GIVE FURTHER IEG VIEWS AFTER
HE DISCUSSES MATTER WITH HIM IN ADDIS NEXT WEEK.

3. MEANWHILE, BELIEVE INQUIRIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO
BE ANSWERED IN NONCOMMITTAL WAY EMPHASIZING THAT
CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST WILL
LARGELY DETERMINE SIZE ETHIOPIAN AND ALL OTHER PROGRAMS.
SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY NOT RAISE MATTER AGAIN WITH IEG BUT
LEAVE ANY FURTHER INITIATIVE ON SUBJECT TO MINASSE. KISSNGER

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